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WE SHOULD LOVE OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FLAG.

By VANCE H. MARCHBANKS, Sergeant Troop C, Tenth Cavalry.

For over 300 years the white man, assisted now and then by the colored man, has fought, bled and died that this country of ours, the United States, might be a fit place in which to live. Those who have not taken up arms in the defense of justice and civilization have fought with the ax, the hoe and the plow, or with the hammer and saw and trowel. After so many years of hard struggle this country has been revolutionized—stea mand electric cars have taken the place of the ox wagon and prairie schooner, luxurious dining cars have taken the place of the old "chuck wagon," the automobile has taken the place of the old fashioned horse carriage, and stage coach; the aeroplane has taken the place of the old scout; the automatic rapid fire gun has taken the place of the old flint lock, and thousands of modern improvements have been made, comfort has been increased and happiness has been promoted a thousand fold. The colored man has helped to clear the forest and build the railroads and the cities; he has helped to construct the battle ships and the fortifications to the protection of our coast, and he is at this time helping to man the machinery that makes the United States the greatest productive nation in the world. "Since the shackles of bondage have been unloosed he has accumulated 500,000 homes, 20,000,000 acres of land, church property to the amount of \$65,000,000 and other property to the amount of \$1,000,000,000, and do a business of \$20,000,000 annually in banks. We have 75,000 professional men, 50,000 in business, 2,000,000 children in school, and 30,000 teachers, saying nothing of that still larger number who, in every way and calling of life, are doing what they can to convince the world that Mr. Lincoln's proclamation and the arbitrament of a long and bloody war were not in vain.

We have here in the army only about 4,000 soldiers of the colored race and I believe the majority of the colored people in this country are discouraging enlistment, and I think they are making a sad mistake. We should always stand ready to offer our service for the protection and honor of this country and flag. The colored man has helped to develop this country from a howling wilderness into an earthly paradise. I hold we can never demand equal rights by standing and wishing, we have to get out and do something; to demand respect we have to face the music.

Take the colored man when the sun is shining on his side of the street and he is full of good grub with a couple of drinks under his belt, and he will face a regiment, but take him on the other hand, as is common with all the human race, when danger is eminent and he is discouraged, hungry and cold, and he would run from a common greaser. What we need is courage and confidence—we have nothing to fear in this country; the colored man will always find friends, and square dealing fair minded white men who will help him in all his laudable undertakings.

There is a broad field here in the army for energetic young men. We need more of the better class of our race here. There is plenty of room

at the top. This is a fine place to eradicate prejudice and establish a record for our race. We have already established everlasting records as brave soldiers from the Revolutionary war to the present time. The thing we need now is courage and patriotism. This is our home, our flag, and we should gladly flock to it at all times for the establishment of justice and the insurance of domestic tranquility and the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our people throughout the length and breadth of our country.

The colored boy up in Iowa who refused to salute the United States flag at school, a few weeks ago, should be made to salute it ten times a day for 365 days. Some colored people in this country are narrow minded and disloyal enough to think this poor little black boy was right in not saluting the flag. Those people who are not willing to stand to and abide by the laws of this country should pack up their belongings and go to some place where they can make a better living and get better treatment.

We should learn to stop fussing about the way we are treated and make it a rule to treat ourselves better and get out and do something for the uplift and advancement of our race.

If we love our country and are loyal to our leaders we will demand respect. If, on the other hand, we are disloyal to our country and despise its laws, we are doomed. We would do well to follow the advice and teaching of those of our race who have accomplished something.

EDINA, MO.

Closing exercises at the Washington school, Prof. A. A. Hughes, principal, were the best ever held in this city, and reflects much credit upon the ability of the principal. Exercises were held in the White high school auditorium. More than 150 citizens attended the exercises, which consisted of songs, recitations, essays and the presentation of diplomas by County Superintendent W. E. Cottey. Class roll was composed of Edna Hawkins, Anna M. Rose and W. F. Hawkins. The principal also took occasion to urge colored people to subscribe for the Kansas City Sun, the best Negro newspaper published. Prof. Hughes was re-elected at an increased salary, but will travel during the summer delivering lectures, beginning at Hutchinson, Kansas.

TEBBETS, MO.

The ladies of the A. M. E. church entertained at a reception Tuesday night in honor of Rev. Ben McCully of Sheridan, Wyo., Rev. and Mrs. Jackson, pastor of the A. M. E. church, Mrs. Margaret Farmer and Alice Bartley of this city. The church was beautifully decorated. After serving a four course luncheon Miss Gathright presented Rev. McCully \$5 in behalf of the officers and members of Oakley chapel. Mrs. Josephine Harlen of Jefferson City is visiting her mother. Mrs. Gertrude Reates has returned home after spending several days with her mother. Mrs. George Kemp entertained her mother, Mrs. Jane Ferguson, and Miss Pearl Farmer, last Sunday. Mrs. Bertha Gathright is reported on the sick list this week.

MOBERLY, MISSOURI.

By MRS. WM. DAVIS.
Rev. J. K. Ponder, pastor of the Grand chapel held quarterly meeting Sunday at the A. M. E. church, Glasgow, Mo., with Rev. G. E. Pettigrew, pastor, and reports a splendid meeting. Miss Ruby Gooch entertained at sunset dinner May 26 in honor of Mrs. B. L. Agee, who departed June 1 for Kansas City to make her future home. Sunday services were well attended at all churches. Mrs. Belle Smith of Sedalia is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Downey. The members of the Second Baptist church will tender the pastor and wife a reception June 8. Wm. Boone has returned from Philadelphia and reports a pleasant trip. A number of Moberlyites spent a few days in Macon attending commencement. Dr. J. E. Jackson made a flying trip to Omaha last week. Miss Mamie Vaughn is reported critically ill at this writing. Miss Edith Hurley is slightly improving. Mrs. Carrie Hopkins is much improved. Francis Mae Terril, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Terril, departed this life May 27, aged 13 months, 2 weeks and 1 day. Burial in New Franklin, Mo.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

W. M. McGee was called to Rayville, Mo., on account of the death of a brother. The sister of W. M. McGee returned home with her brother for a short stay. Lawyer W. O. Reynolds met with a serious accident Monday evening. Mrs. Mary Williams is still on the sick list and K. S. Marmey is able to be out again. Rev. N. C. Buren has gone to Quindaro, Kas., to attend the commencement of the school. The class play of Lincoln Bartlett High school was held in the Central High school. Senior class roll: Cecile Bell, Ethyl Bledsoe, Inabell Burns, Annie Bell Holly, Minnie Bell Holly, Isabelle Lankford, Lawrence McGee, Emma Robinson, Edna Weston, Virgil Winters. The

baccalaureate sermon was preached at the New Hope Baptist church by the Rev. Brooks.

LA GRANGE, MISSOURI.

Prof. George Neil went to Paris last week. George Sanders' grandchildren of St. Louis has been visiting in this city for the last two weeks. Rev. Edreen was in Macon last week. Mrs. Mamie Moore of Quincy is the guest of her cousin in this city, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. G. Todd. Mrs. Lillian Coby returned to her home in LaBelle last week. Prof. A. H. Harris, Mr. Cornelius Wilson and Mr. Joe Miller went to Quincy Sunday and attended the sermon of the U. B. F. Rev. Page will fill his pulpit Sunday at the A. M. E. church. Mr. Peter Kincaid visited her children here Sunday. Mr. George Sanders' Club No. 3 will give their last entertainment before the rally Saturday night. We are expecting quite a large crowd at Green chapel Sunday, visiting the churches of Canton and Quincy and are expected to help us out in our give \$2. Mrs. Green is on the sick rally. Each member is expected to list.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

By W. W. MOSELY.
The Married Men's club gave its annual shirt waist party last Monday night in Walsh. The guests yielded very nicely to the formality of the party, there being quite a crowd in attendance and a good time was had. Prof. Chas. E. Haynes gave a long recital in Mt. Zion Baptist church last Friday evening; accompanist, Mrs. Ruth McWilliams. Other members on the program were Mrs. Stanley, soprano; Mr. Miller, baritone. The affair was enjoyed by the fair crowd present. Amaranth chapter, O. E. S., will celebrate Easter day at their hall June 4 at 2:30 p. m. The colored citizens of Lincoln are preparing a large portrait of the late Dr. B. T. Washington which will be hung in the hall of fame in the new Lincoln High school building, whereupon an entertainment will be given in Mt. Zion Baptist church Monday night. A program will be rendered, after which will be the unveiling of the portrait by Dr. B. Hillman of Mt. Zion. The presentation will then be made to the school board June 9.

CHILLICOTHE, MISSOURI.

By B. V. LONGDON.
Mr. Wm. Balleu left last Monday for a visit with relatives in Kansas. Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Estella Woods and Master William, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Winfrey, left Monday for their home in Kansas City. Mr. Charles Jones spent a few days with Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Longdon last week. Mrs. Iva Williams is at home after a visit in Atens, Kas., with Mr. and Mrs. George Kerford. Rev. Brown of South Park, Kas., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Black. He preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday night. Mrs. Iva Williams Green of Kansas City, Mo., visited relatives and friends last Monday. Miss Carrie Agee of Triplett, Mo., is the guest of Misses Bessie and Annabell Banks. "Having served her day and generation, she was not, for God took her unto himself." This can be said of one of our first citizens, Mrs. Eliza Shields, who died last Tuesday after a week's illness. Funeral arrangements have not been made. Mrs. L. L. Talley returned from Topeka, Kas., last Saturday, where she attended the splendid commencement exercises of the Carter Educational and Industrial college. Carl and Miss Alice Talley were members of the graduating class. The twenty-fourth annual commencement of Garrison High school was held at the High school auditorium Thursday evening. The singing by the primary pupils and the Garrison Choral club was highly gratifying. There were four graduates and they delivered orations. They were Marvel Winfrey, salutatorian; Elieaser Bealer, Bert Slaughter and Annabelle Banks, valedictorian. The diplomas were presented by H. P. Scruby, president of the board of education. Appropriate remarks not down on the program were made by Superintendent Coburn, who was introduced by Principal V. E. Williams, to entertain the audience until the arrival of Rev. E. M. Cohron. The principal speaker finally arrived and we confess that Rev. Cohron addressed the class on "I Am a Debtor" with clearness and earnestness. The baccalaureate services were held at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Rev. I. L. Talley delivered the baccalaureate discourse with his accustomed aptness, pertinence and force.

GLASGOW, MO.

By MRS. WM. DAVIS.
The Chariton County Church Union met with the Pilgrim Rest Baptist church May 26-28. Messengers all report a pleasant time. Sunday was a glorious day. In the morning Rev. J. S. Swansey, pastor, preached an excellent sermon. It was full of many good thoughts. At 8 p. m. Rev. W. H. Davis, pastor of First Baptist church, Forest Green, Mo., preached an excellent sermon to a large and appreciative audience. It was filled with power and set the hearts of many aflame. Collections \$22.

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